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July 21 1893 Be it known to all men
that I fully agree with the
writer who said "there is no royal
road to fame". — This sum-
mer so far has been spent
very pleasantly. I came
home feeling better than I have
felt for years, but as I did
not act as prudently as I sh.
ld. done I am now about in
my normal condition. —

My diary has suffered vio-
lence at my hands not because
of the lack of something to say but
because of the lack of will power
to stop & say it.

Our home has been almost
as a summer resort this
year. We have sometimes as
many as two dozen here at
a time. Our visitors
this summer so far are

From I can remember have been
 June 15th The Mikes Kinard About 3 weeks
 Mr. Jno. Trump " 3 "
 Miss Josie Willingham " 1 "
 Mr T. W. Wood " 4 days
 Rev. L. M. Rice " 3 "
 Dr. Wm. Lindsay " 2 weeks
 Miss Ella Lawton " 3 days
 " Cora " " 3 "
 Mr. Jno L. Morrison " 1 week
 Mr. Mercer Fritson " 2 days
 " T. O. Lawton Jr. Jr " 1 week
 " Marion Willingham " 4 days
 Miss Maude Lawton " 4 " 1 & 2nd visit
 to Mrs. Dr. H. F. Kirkland " 2 "
 Aug 5th The one day or one night visitors
 I have not entered & those
 who visited later on I may
 insert in my diary

July 21. We have all enjoyed the
 company of the above so much.
 What is home without now
 and then a visitor. Thus you
 make others happy & thus you
 are made happy yourself.
 We had a social gathering
 on the 6th inst. There
 were about fifty or sixty
 present. The time was spent
 in playing games chiefly. All
 seemed to have enjoyed themselves.
 Cousin Bessie even says it
 will always be a green spot
 in her memory. I presume
 all of the spots in her mem-
 ory will be "green" spots until
 the time of her marriage.

I went to a fish fry at
 Blakesford given by Jno L. Mor-
 rison. All had a good
 time. That was in June.

July 20 He is having an Artesian well dug. It will cost him about \$125⁰⁰ and will be about one hundred feet deep. He thinks that he will have better health when he drinks the artesian water.

I am having a pleasant visit now from Bro. Smith. His being here has done me good. Sometimes we need our friends cheering words to keep us going or at least to keep us going as we can.

July 22nd I have been holding a meeting at Friendship with Bro. Jno. G. Williams. The church has a membership of about three hundred, and they are a whole-souled

people. God made our hearts rejoice by giving us fifteen by experience and one by restoration. I felt that God was with us for there was very little excitement.

They gave me six dollars and a half when I left. This is the first time that I can say that I have made a cent at preaching. I will try to use it all to the honor & glory of God.

Today is the second day of our meeting at Double Pond with Bro. Ashen. The interest is good & the people are hospitable however we hope & we will be a greater outpouring of the H.S. than there has been.

Bro. Sandifer, a young man my age is with

us. He hopes to go to Bro.
H.S. Hart for one year longer than
attend Fairman & the Seminary

Aug 6th Our meeting at Double Pond
was one of most interesting I
have ever attended. There
were four who came out for
X and all 1 people & 4. seemed
revived. I hope that the meet-
ing will prove a benefit to all
there. Asher is a good old
gentleman. Quiet, yet having
enough to say. In his
meetings he is very careful
about calling for new members, he
goes slow & he is this sure
& conversion & see who join

Aug 7th Our meeting yesterday at
Allen's Chapel was well at-
tended. Bro. Bitton was
with us & gave a talk in

the prayer meeting. We
look for Bro. W. Rice today.

Mr. J. E. Zarr was out
He is a member at Double
Pond. He attended the
meeting at Friendship,
Double Pond went out to
Ashley the night I preached
there & is now at Allen's
Chapel. He told one gen-
tleman that "if I was a
girl he would go for me"
I think he has done so
without my being a girl.

I find quite a num-
ber of my Jenkins relatives
out here. They are children
of Rev. B. W. Jenkins who was
a Brown University man
I am now (Sunday night &
Monday morning) with cousin
C. Henry Jenkins & his wife
Emma Fletcher. Evening session

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Aug 16th Our meeting in Lawtonville begins tomorrow.

I am to help Bro Jno P. Morrison supply the Suffin St. church in Savannah for six weeks while the pastor, Bro Shipman, takes a trip to Va. When Bro Jno P. goes to Savannah I will take charge at Lawtonville. I feel that truly the Lord has directed me this summer. When I left Ky. I had no idea what I would do but I prayed God to use me for his work. I have had quite a varied experience. 1st visiting regular appointments with Bro. Coopers 2nd being in meetings with Bro Jno. G. Williams & Bro G. H. Osheaw &

now I am to try to supply. God will surely lead me if we will but ask him & trust in him.

The crops this year are terrible. The country, I fear, will be in a deplorable condition; but we will not fear harm for God rules over all things for the good of his creature.

Aunt Carrie Lawton spent two nights & a day with us a short time ago. We enjoyed her visit.

Maudie Lawton, dear girl, is with us again. She is a sweet girl & I am so glad she can be with us.

I have read "The Contrast" by Rev. D. Dowden recently. Sister Florrie said the book seemed to her like one of the S. S. library books. I think the

the criticism a good one

Mother & Little Louise are on a visit to Allendale. They are having a pleasant time, so the former said on a postal to Pa on yesterday.

Spt 4. My experience so far this summer in the work & ministry has been very varied, & therefore I hope that it will prove quite beneficial to me. I am thankful that it has been my privilege to have such a varied experience & hope & I may make 1 most vs opportunities.

I was in Savannah during that fearful storm of last week. The park which is always so well kept looked like a forest.

It is said & on 1 coast about 2000 lives were lost & + + were buried in trenches like in 1 late war after an encounter.

We have had company many this summer. One of our neighbors says & twice 1 South Bound has passed through this country "The world, the flesh & the devil have come down on us." Quite expressive but I am sure we had enough & before 1 S.B. & I hardly think we ought to charge 1 S.B. for all & said nuisances.

We have had a very pleasant summer & we hope & others have had their spirits revived.

Sept 19th Oory expects to leave us tomorrow to attend the Columbia Grades School. Mr. Trump has kindly insisted on his staying at their home in order to be with his son John.

Sister commenced teaching the other day. She will teach the three here at home, Bury, Herbert & Allen, giving the last music lessons.

The rains have been terrible this year. I left here on Sat. evening by the second Sunday in Sept to go to Savannah to take charge for Bro. Shipman & Suffie St. ch. & instead of reaching Sav. at nine on Sat. evening we reached there at half past one on Sunday. The train stopped over night

at Gt. Mr. Jesse Loe & Miss Mattie May were on the train. That night in the Suffie St. ch. while trying to preach I had a spell of vertigo. I deem that it was caused by 1 dose of rest & excitement. Every thing passed off as nicely as any thing I kind of possibly do. I was taken into 1 pastor's study & "in a few minutes" Mrs. Frierson said "I came strutting out as big as life" I tried to resume 1 sermon but was too weak so Bro. Wells conducted a song service while I sat on 1 pulpit to be gazed at. I believe it was for my good & I had 1 spell for perhaps I had been thinking too much & perhaps

oration & delivery & sermons I preached & too little about preparation & heart.

I am trying to get up a party of students for a Seminary - Not an easy job but since I hope to get my ticket by it I must not pay anything & work. If nothing prevents I will leave on 1st 28th for Louisville via Columbia, Greenville, Atlanta Chattanooga & Nashville.

The Artesian well is a source of gr. comfort now while all surface wells are so muddy. I like the water from the Artesian well very much & think it quite healthy.

Oct 3. Seminary opened yesterday. There are about one hundred & eighty boys here - a larger opening than we had last year.

Taylor & I have the engine work again this year. We will burn anthracite (hard) coal & we are therefore in hopes that it will be less troublesome to us. We will get our coal bill paid this year and the regular salary, making a total of \$24 each that we get every month. This comes in splendidly this year since the crops are such a failure.

Bro. J. D. Parks one of our last year students died this past summer. I was with Brother Parks more than with the average student & am glad I could have been with him.

Since he has fallen let us take up the cross & go on with renewed energy. Oh! that my life may be lived so that I may be prepared to meet my God when my end shall come, & while I live may my whole time be spent for his honor & glory.

Oct. 17th I went to a candy pulling last evening at Mrs Lewis' on Broadway. The evening was pleasantly spent except I did not esp^l enjoy dancing.

Wlyses Simpson Grant, how did that "Simpson" come in. Dr. B. explains & his maternal grandmother was Simpson & so on. Appointment - Grant to West Point a friend supposed it to be Dr. Grant.

kept it & it did him much good in late war

Oct. 17 I dined with cousin Florrie Pickard last Sunday. Dr Broadus was there also T.P. Stafford & a Mr Curry. It was a treat to be there. Dr. Broadus' words of wisdom, Dr. Pickard's positions on some of the questions of the day & cousin Florrie's cheerfulness, together with the presence of little children made the day a very enjoyable one.

I took out an insurance policy on my life today.

It was in the Equitable for \$1000⁰⁰ on the twenty year installment plan, the yearly premium being \$27⁶⁰. I have been giving the subject my attention for about two years and have come

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to the conclusion that it is
 best for me to take it out.
 I think it is as good a
 way as I can put up a
 little money for those to whom
 I am so much indebted - not
 that I am expected to pay for
 what my father has given me
 but that I think it nothing
 but what is due him that I
 should do this.

Oct 23. I spent 1 night at Dr. Pickard
 last night. He had gone to 1
 general Association - by which
 met at Lebanon. Cousin Horne
 was just as kind & sweet as
 could be. The little children
 are so entertaining

I have just read the first

volume of Putnam's "American
 Orations" It is a small book
 there are three volumes in all.

This volume had speeches from
 Patrick Henry of Va

Alexander Hamilton of N.Y.

Geo Washington of Va His
 inaugural address

Fisher Ames of Mass

Jos Nicholas of Va

Thos. Jefferson of Va Inaugural
 address

Elephat Nott Funeral

oration of Alexander Hamilton

who was killed in a duel by Aaron

Burr. It is an able production

Jos Randolph of Va on 1 Militia Bill

Josiah Quincy of Mass on 1 admin-
 of La

Henry Clay of Ky on 1 War of
 1812

Jos C Calhoun of S.C. on nullification

Robt. Y. Hayne of S.C. on Mr Foots resolu-
 tion in 1 U.S. Senate

Danl Webster of Mass Reply to Hayne